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# THE MISTIC

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## MUSIC CONTEST WELL SUPPORTED

200 STUDENTS FROM NEARBY  
TOWNS COMPETE.

The results of the music contest held during the Play Day, Saturday, May 9, were as follows: The Girls Glee Clubs in Class B: Detroit received first, Moorhead second, Warren third, and Breckenridge fourth. In Class C: Frazee first and Beltrami second. In the Boys' Glee Club contest: Fergus Falls came first, and Moorhead second. The Detroit orchestra received first place in the Orchestra Contest and Breckenridge second. In the Piano Contest Breckenridge came first, Moorhead second, and Fergus Falls third. Brass Instrument contest: Breckenridge first and Detroit second. The clarinet, violin, mixed chorus and vocal solo contests no competition was offered so that the people entering these events furnished a program while the judges were making their decisions.

The judges of the contest were: George Griffith, Theodore Mohr, Mrs. Ernst Wright, Mrs. Frank Temple, Miss Ada Blakeslee, and Mrs. H. R. Best, all of Fargo, N. Dak. The clerk of the contest was Miss Helen Berquist. The committee in charge was: Margaret Newton, Superintendent J. J. Bohlander, and Mr. D. L. Preston. Seven schools were represented at this contest, by 200 students. People attending the contest last Saturday all predicted that next year there would be an increased number taking part in the events and also a greater number of events. The chairman of the state contest, which is to be held Friday at the University, is Mr. Irving W. Jones of the Extension Service of the University.

## THE CHILD IS GROWING

The first walking-rehearsal of "At the Gate of the West" (the name of the child) has been staged. The purpose of these rehearsals is to "take on" a half-breed complexion. The most touching scene is the one in which dignified members of the class represent a group of drunken traders. A close competitor is the dragging in of the buffalo.

We have found a bend in the race track which looks just like the river at the place which the grounds committee discovered as plausible for putting on the big show. Watch this column for more detailed information on this matter. Try-outs have been held for "The Voice of Tradition," who will explain each episode.

## LAMBDA PHI SIGMA VOTES TO ACCEPT SEVENTEEN STUDENTS

At its meeting Tuesday, May 11, the Lambda Phi Sigma honorary society decided that the following students are worthy of membership in the organization:

Jewell Peterson, Alfred Tollefson, Gladys Woodberry, Frances Dommer, Louise Erstad, Agnes Jorgenson, Alice Nygard, Olive Townner, Gladys Converse, Catherine Edlund, Beatrice Jerde, Florence Korth, Ethelyn Stuart, Minnie Vog, Vera Converse, Ila Eklund, Lulu Johnson.

The formal initiation and banquet will be held within the next two weeks.

## FOX TROT CONTEST IS PLANNED

Arrangements are under way which will make the Senior Prom one of the outstanding events of Commencement Week. This is an annual affair, the leading social event of the year, and will occur for the Class of '25 on Tuesday evening, the second of June. The President's Reception will immediately precede, and the Promenade proper will swing into line at 9:30 p. m.

The committee on arrangements, appointed by Jack Eininger, class president, includes Akeley, C. Berg, V. Converse, Hayford, A. Peterson, and J. McKellar. It is announced that the first dance of the evening, following the Promenade, will be a number specially composed for the occasion. For this purpose the committee is announcing a dance music contest. Any M. S. T. C. student is eligible to submit one or more numbers. The only requirements are that the pieces be of original composition, in either fox trot or waltz time. All pieces must be submitted by Friday, May 29, for decision by a body of five judges to be announced later. It is highly probable that some valuable prize will be offered, but in any case the lucky winner will have the honor of having named the Prom, for the name of the opening dance number, composed for the Prom, will designate the Prom itself.

All seniors, or members of the college who will graduate any time up to the close of the winter quarter, 1926, and faculty members, and invited guests, are to be present.

The Women's League held their annual election of officers on Wednesday and the following officers were elected:

President—Clementine Small.  
Vice-President—Rose Brown.  
Secretary-Treas.—Sentina Crema.

R. Ormenso Bjork was initiated into the Owl fraternity at a special meeting, Tuesday, May 11.

## CATALOG FOR YEAR APPEARS

QUARTERLY EDITION CONTAINS  
COMPLETE RECORD AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The quarterly Bulletin for April, devoted to the annual catalog of the year's activities and to announcements for 1925-26 is just off the press. An excellent job of composition and arrangement has been done by the Hannaher-Anderson Company of Fargo on this year's book. There are one or two regrettable omissions, owing to oversights on the part of those in charge of preparation of copy. The names of Mrs. Ina Lockwood and Miss Florence Bullard are left out of the faculty list. Mrs. Lockwood is a member of the department of education, Miss Bullard of music. There is also no mention, among requirements for admission, of the fact that graduates of teacher training departments, who have done the requisite teaching are admitted without examination, upon the presentation of credentials, to advanced standing.

Undergraduates will note that the term and credit vocabulary has been changed to accord with the best usage of a four year college, and quarter hours and quarters are now used thruout the book. Recent resolutions of importance are the establishment of a minimum of 100 quarters (25 credits) for graduation from all courses; a full explanation of the honor point system; scholarship re-

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## STUDENT VOLUNTEER TO VISIT HERE

Gertrude Swallen, a returned missionary, and a representative of the Student Volunteer movement, will be on our campus, May 17th and 18th. She will be in Comstock hall and will be glad to interview any one interested in mission work. Sunday morning at 9:30 she will meet the girls of the school in Wheeler Hall parlors for a short talk. Monday night there will be a joint meeting of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. when Miss Swallen will again talk to us. There will be a tea in honor of Miss Swallen Monday from 4:00 to 5:00 o'clock. All students and faculty members are cordially invited to attend.

The Peds are continuing their winning streak on the diamond, vanquishing three A. C. Campus League teams last week. On Monday they defeated the Alpha Gamma Rho team by a 5-2 score. Wednesday, the Kappa Phis were the victims, the score being 5-3, and on Friday the Theta Chis were shut out by a 12-0 score.



## THE MiSTiC

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*"The old education was religious, the present is scientific. The new education will be artistic. Its strength will be due to the imagination. Education will not therefore be less religious; it will be more so since it will take in wider areas of life based upon the essential unity of soul and body. It will be more scientific because it will take account of the practical and the ideal, the material and the spiritual. It will take account of the fact that life to be truly lived must have some joyousness that objects, ideas, and possessions cannot give."*

Consider the poor instructor. You object to the adjective? Ah, then you do not know his bank account!

## SO DAMNABLY DOGMATIC

"No man," remarked Henry Adams, "can for ten years fill one of the dogmatic positions of the world, whether schoolmaster, priest, or senator, and ever be the same after his experience." He acquires the habit, we suppose, of uttering doubtful truths in a voice of thunder. This is one of the sweetest and most attractive pitfalls into which the mind of man can wander. It is lined with bowings and scrapings. The farther in one gets the more are there bowings and scrapings. Eventually the dogmatizer himself comes to believe that his mouth is choked with pearls of wisdom. He casts them out, thus, even before us swine. Let us pray for deliverance from the habit of uttering doubtful truths in a voice of thunder.

## WE PROTEST

With Lane Cooper, John Erskine, Stuart Sherman, George Lyman Kittredge, and Noah Webster (the author of the dictionary, no relative of the man who was advised by the Lord to build a certain boat) we rise to utter a sharp protest against a certain unauthorized, cheaply pedantic, meaningless expression much retailed in the halls of pedagogy. We mean the jargon "research work" with the accent on the *re*. Which of the gods of Columbia, Chicago, or Minnesota authorizes such an unnecessary duplication as research work? Would one say, perforce, that one was out on search work? And what monumental handbook advises earnest candidates for feedees (degrees Ph. D. let us explain) to accent

the first syllable of the word research? Of like ilk are the illiterates who say de'fect, de'tour, et cetera. Spurlors ver-senkt!

## A SAD WORLD, HORATIO!

The skillful and sprightly reviewer of our contemporary The Fargo Forum, Mr. George A. Benson, avers with Aubrey Piper of "The Show-Off" that we are here today and gone tomorrow. He would, would Mr. Benson, grow a little of Aubrey's crust of bluff to carry him past the shoals and reefs on his voyage to the everlasting brimstone. Come across the river, Mr. Benson. We invite you to join us and discern for yourself what passes for higher education in the merry month of May. Crust, did you say, Mr. Benson? With term papers, pageants, lesson plans, tennis, and Concordia band concerts calling in one joyful strident discord? There is more crust here, Mr. Benson, than in the toughest pies ever used in the old Essayay comedy days.

## HAVE YOU SIGNED

## YOUR CONTRACT?

To the question plied incessantly, are varied reactions, "Yep, all set," or "No, I haven't, and I'm a-going at the rate of 24 hours a day worrying about it." Some expectant and promising educators are beginning to think of September with fear and trembling, either because they're afraid they won't have a job, or afraid they will. These days of interviews, telephone calls, and telegrams satisfy the call for excitement. There is a beaten path of the Training School office. The janitor considers building a temporary elevator, while he applies a few coats of Valspar and Old English to the stairs and the office floor. Even the banister is worn by the nervous grip of many hands seeking it for timely support en route to the fateful doorway.

We all give the pedagogical prospects our good wishes. It will be so pleasant to think of them next summer, each with a newly-framed work of art upon the wall in the best parlor, or perhaps treasured under the pillow: "So-and-So has agreed to teach this-and-that for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Janitor will be provided,—et cetera.

Mr. Archer and Mrs. Lockwood attended a school board meeting at Clearview Tuesday evening.

Plans are being made for the annual spring formal of the Pi Mu Phi sorority which will be held Saturday, May 16.

## MiSTiCisms

The Y. M. C. A. cabinet met Tuesday at which the following chairmen of committees were selected: Bible Study Committee, M. Rice; Social Committee, R. Johnson; Employment Committee, R. Iverson; Campus Service Committee, A. Tollefson. There will be a discussion group meeting for all the men of the institution interested in becoming members next week. All men are asked to be present as vital problems relating to work and plans for next year will be discussed.

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A committee on the four-year curriculum consisting of Miss Lommen, Mr. Archer, and Mr. Bridges are formulating details in regards to the administration of courses and granting of degrees for next year.

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Miss Elvira Brown resumed her school studies Wednesday morning, after spending three weeks at her home in Hawley recovering from the mumps.

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Miss Hayes and Miss Glaser are visiting the Chisholm schools to study the work of the English Department there.

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S. A. Hamrin of the Moorhead High School will also be an additional instructor in the educational department during the summer term.

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Miss Vera Converse spent the first part of the week in the infirmary anticipating the mumps but was released on a false charge Tuesday afternoon.

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At the annual election of officers of the Women's Athletic League the following officers were elected for next year:

President—Irene Fielde.  
Vice-President—Sentina Crema.  
Student Representative—Alice Dunn.  
Secretary-Treasurer—Dolores Allen.

## TRACK MEET-HELD

## THIS AFTERNOON

The Second Annual Community field and track meet will be staged this afternoon on the Memorial Field. Many of the Junior High Schools in the county are represented in this meet. Several records were established at the meet last year which will probably be broken as the teams entered this year are stronger. The events for both boys and girls are as follows: 100-yard dash, high jump, board jump, pole vault (for boys only), shot put for boys, baseball throw for girls, and the half mile relay race in which the girls will enter an eight man team and the boys a four man team.



## The Clever Collegian

### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Iverson & Co. distribute insurance circulars. Students who have not received a letter in two years are gladdened by a missive from the versatile Scandinavian.

VERA CONVERSE RECOVERED VERY SUDDENLY FROM AN ATTACK OF THE MUMPS.

Janitor Louie accidentally locked himself in Coach Nemzek's office and was obliged to crawl out the window.

CARROL BROWN LOST A HOTLY CONTESTED TOURNAMENT MATCH IN THE MEN'S SINGLES. SCORE: LOVE-6, LOVE-6.

Donald Rusness spent two hours in the library "getting out a report" (on "Life").

The well-known shiek Romeo Bjerk joined the feathered tribe Tuesday, although he appeared to have his Owl-ology and theology badly mixed.

Mary: What are you going to be when you finish school?

Curtis: I'm leaving that for the world to decide.

### How History Is Made.

A. Nemzek: Where is Gettysburg?

Miss Eastlund: It is in Wisconsin.

Mr. Nemzek: New Richmond is in Wisconsin.

T. Nemzek: It's in the United States.

A. Nemzek: Where else would it be, in Greenland?

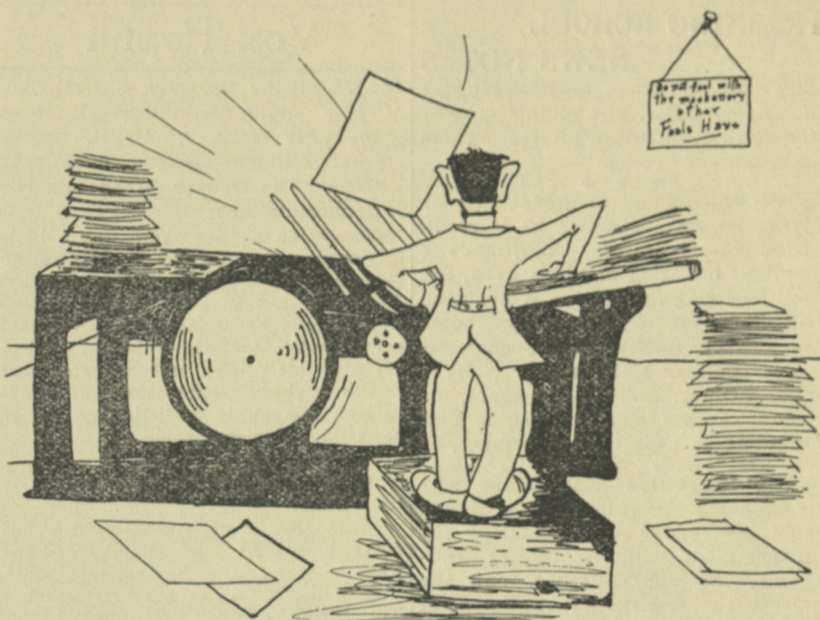
Rusness: Gettysburg is in Pennsylvania.

Byler: Ha, ha, ha.

MISS SOPHIA STENBAKKEN HAS ALREADY SENT HER TRUNK HOME IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SPRING VACATION.

### PLAY DAY IS SUCCESS

The Clay County Play Day held here Saturday, May 9, was attended by 1,800 people from various parts of the county. About 100 children competed in the following events. First places in boys' races, classes A, B, C, and D, were won by Sidrin Bye, Abner Hendrickson, Verner Karlin, and Edwin Severson. In the girls' races classes A, B, C, and D, first places were won by Florence Orgen, Olive Larson, Pearl Rutherford, and Edlin Johnson. Ethel Shumway won first in the ball throw and broad jump. Sidrin Bye won first place in the boys' ball throw and jump. In the boys' sack race Edward Johnson and Oscar Johnson won first, and in the girls' sack race Marion Johnson and Lila Johnson were first.



"When The Praeceptor went To Press"

### PRAECEPTOR GOES TO PRESS

A hurried telephone call from St. Paul Wednesday announced that the Annual is to go to press this week. It is a two-color job and will require several days for running. Five days more for the binding will bring the book here about May 25th, for delivery to subscribers. A few unsold copies still remain, which will soon be snatched up. See Alice Brockmueller early and sign up for yours.

### COLLEGE MEET NEXT FRIDAY

A week from today the Junior-Senior track and field meet will take place. All Junior and Senior men and women in the college are eligible. Some close competition is expected as many promising track stars have signified their intention of entering the meet.

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quirements which demand that a student take but three courses the quarter after making less than eight quarter hours (2 credits) or eight honor points (2 honor points under the old system). In case of subsequent failure while taking three courses to make at least eight quarter hours and eight honor points, the student is automatically eliminated from college for one year.

There is no specific outline for the four year course in this issue of the Bulletin, because it was made ready several weeks before the board authorized its establishment. But many of the courses listed by the various departments are intended for third and fourth year work. A special edition will appear probably in June with a complete statement of the plans for the degree course.

### WE LIST A FEW PEEVES

The absent-minded individual who neglects to return the magazines to

Room 43, the egg-beater to Room 31, the scissors to 45, the shoe polish to 33, the Princess Pat to 38, and her reserve books to the library.

The miss who answers the telephone and innocently wanders away without calling the sought after party.

### ANNUAL NOTICED IN NATIONAL MAGAZINE

The following item is taken from the Art Crafts Review, a Chicago publication, by the National Art Crafts Guild, which is devoted to discussion about and methods used by college annuals thruout the entire country. Even to be mentioned in the periodical is regarded as a distinct compliment by most annual editors.

"Laboring under the handicap of having lost the leadership of their faculty advisor, Mr. C. E. Huff, for several months, yet the 1925 Praeceptor staff of the State Teachers College, Moorhead, Minn., has been very successful in obtaining many unique and beautiful features for their new publication. All of the art work which they are using has been contributed by students of the school. The theme, one of the early Colonial periods, has been very effectively worked in upon the title pages and thruout the faculty and Senior panels. The staff themselves are hand-coloring the title pages and the effects are very beautiful indeed.

"The book is being edited by Miss Marion Cook, and managed by Miss Alice Brockmueller. Under the leadership of these two, the staff has been unusually successful in the achievement of their many aims. Needless to say, we are looking forward with great interest to a copy of their finished publication."



## TRAINING SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

The fourth grade is studying the making of paper, and in this connection have acquired an interesting and varied box collection.

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The fifth and sixth grades are enjoying several activities as a result of the pottery project. Tiles, made of clay and baked in mother's oven, are now receiving enameling. A beautiful collection of pottery, including Wedgewood, Rookwood, Nippon ware, Royal Dalton, Chinese ware, Haviland, Lennox, and Willow ware, including a rare piece in red, is now assuming an aspect of importance.

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Two interesting sand tables may be found in the Intermediate department. A feudal scene picturing the ancient moat, with its peculiar drawbridge, the old palisades, and the stately castles gives one a glimpse of old England. The other side of the world in represented in the second sand table, which is of the Philippine Islands, with the strange homes and the picturesque Filipinos. The collection of coral, sugar cane, coconuts, and pictures brings this region closer to the children.

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The members of the Junior High School are actively preparing for the Community Field and Track Day which will be held here next Friday. The girls and boys are working hard so that they will be represented in the different events. The Training School girls won one of the silver loving cups offered last year, and they are hoping to duplicate their work this year, so that they may gain permanent possession of the cup. The boys also hope to secure the other cup.

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The Junior High School girls' baseball team which entered the tournament lost its first game to the Pi Mu Phi's on Monday by a 21 to 13 score.

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The girls of the Junior High School under the direction of Miss Jorgenson gave a much enjoyed music number in Friday's chapel program. The group also gave several well-rendered selections at the assembly program last week.

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The play, "A Journey to the Land of Mathematics," was put on during assembly period on Wednesday, under the direction of Miss Johnson and Miss Wangness. The setting and costuming were very appropriate for the characters. Perhaps after having seen this play the entire Junior High School will join in the yell of cheer for old "King Math."

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Miss Bieri spoke to the Profit and Pleasure Club of Dilworth on Wednesday afternoon.

## Vox Populi

**In Which the Sorority Girlies (and Their Mother Confessors) Have the Last Word, As Usual. Somewhat Acrimonious But Beautifully Done. The Ostrich Broadcasts His Congratulations.**

Once upon a time there was a little ostrich who liked to play that he was an elephant, otherwise known as a pachyderm. He always said pachyderm himself because he thought nobody would know what that meant without a dictionary and this ostrich rather figured that hardly anybody would take the trouble to look him up in a dictionary and so he could fool more people.

And nobody did look him up and presently the poor little ostrich found it very tiresome fooling people who did not care whether they were fooled or not and never looked at him enough to know what he was and so he said to himself, "We will proceed to start something." The little would-be pachyderm had a cunning habit of always calling himself "we." And so the little ostrich tried to start a fight with somebody. He tried and he tried. He said things and he threw things and he kicked up his heels and kicked the sand around, but everybody was so busy that nobody even looked at him. And finally he was so provoked because nobody ever looked him up or down nor any other way at all that he walked right out into the middle of things and kicked the dirt harder than ever before.

And he kicked some of the sand and a few small stones in the general direction of some girls who were enjoying life minding their own business and who had been too busy doing real things to ever bother much about the ostrich. But when the girls saw the stones and the poor ostrich they felt rather sorry for him and said, "Poor old dear, let's play with him a bit." And so they tossed back a few pebbles at the old ostrich. And the poor fellow decided he wasn't a pachyderm at all. He moaned and he cried and he said, "You've gone and knocked all the wind out of me. Oh dear, oh dear, how could you be so mean!" And when folks laughed to see him he got very angry and said, "If I ever get over this I'll show you!"

And so when he had his breath and people had stopped laughing a bit the ostrich got out into the middle of things and he delivered a lecture to anybody who would listen and this is what he said: "Say, I wasn't kicking that dirt at you girls. I just kicked my heels hap-hazardly, so to speak, and the rocks hit you. Anyway, if you think you hit me, you are mistaken. Anyway, the things you hit me with weren't rocks at all. Anyway, you didn't hurt me when you did hit me with those rocks. I shall not bother to investigate whether you did or not. And anyway, your form was rotten and it was an illegal pitch and you think you are smart. Boo hoo!" And then he said quite a lot of Latin and that was safe for he knew there was no Latin dictionary around and finally he pulled up some dandelions and tossed them to the girls and said, "Smarty, if you wanted

to hurt me here is what you should have thrown. Long experience has proved them the best thing to use. As it was you just wasted time and did not even hurt my beautiful tail." And then the poor little ostrich stuck his head down into the sand and because he could not see anybody laughing at him he did not believe that anybody was laughing.

**MORAL:** When your opponent's arguments are unanswerable make fun of the way he combs his hair or announce to the judges that you will not bother to investigate the facts.

—Those who were hit but uninjured.

## College Calendar

**Friday, May 15—**

11:05 a. m.—General Assembly.

3:15 p. m.—Dramatic Club.

**Saturday, May 16—**

8:00 a. m.—Annual window washing at the Dormitories.

**Sunday, May 17—**

9:15 a. m.—Special meeting of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. to be addressed by Miss Gertrude Swallen, Student Volunteer Secretary.

**Monday, May 18—**

2:20 p. m.—Chapel Choir.

4:00 p. m.—Y. W. C. A. Tea, Wheeler Hall (in honor of Miss Swallen. Students and faculty invited.)

5:00 p. m.—Joint meeting of Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. cabinets, Wheeler Hall.

7:00 p. m.—Y. W. C. A. Meeting, Auditorium, Miss Gertrude Swallen, speaker.

**Tuesday, May 19—**

8:20 a. m.—Dramatic Club.

3:15 p. m.—College Orchestra.

4:15 p. m.—Kappa Pi.

5:00 p. m.—Lambda Phi Sigma.

**Wednesday, May 20—**

10:10 a. m.—General Assembly.

3:15 p. m.—Senior Voice Class.

3:30 p. m.—Home Economics Club.

6:45 p. m.—Country Life Club.

**Thursday, May 21—**

9:15 a. m.—Chapel Choir.

6:45 p. m.—Camp Fire Groups (notice the exchange of date with the Y. W. C. A. for this week only.)

## TENNIS FINALS

### PLAYED NEXT WEEK

The tennis tournament is already in full swing, most of the preliminaries having already been played. There are 13 men entered in the men's singles and 8 teams in the men's doubles. In the women's singles there are 13 entered and 5 teams in the doubles. Six teams are entered in the mixed doubles. The semi-finals and finals will be played off next week.